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OF MEETING OF AD HOC GROUP (AC/296)

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SUMMARY. THE AD HOC GROUP ON THE PROVISION OF ELECTRONIC
WARFARE TRAINING SERVICES MET ON 8 SEPT TO REVIEW AND
APPROVE THE DRAFT REPORT TO THE COUNCIL (REFTEL). THE
CHAIRMAN (MUMFORD) DIRECTED THE DISCUSSION THROUGH FRENCH
CONCERN WITH FUNDING LEVEL OF 3.3 MILLION FRENCH FRANCS
AS COST OF THEIR PARTICIPATION, WHICH SURFACED AS RESULT
OF AGREEMENT TO COMMON FUND ON BASIS OF MILITARY BUDGET
COMMITTEE (MBC) COST SHARING FORMULA AND GERMAN AND
CANADIAN REQUEST FOR CHANGES TO THE WORDING OF CERTAIN
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PORTIONS OF THE TEXT. THIS FINAL MEETING WAS CLOSED
WITH THE CHAIRMAN EXPRESSING HIS BELIEF THAT THESE
DIFFICULTIES WOULD BE PROMPTLY RESOLVED AND WITH HIS
THANKS TO MEMBERS OF GROUP FOR ALL THEIR EFFORTS IN
BRINGING THE ELECTRONIC WARFARE TRAINING OBJECTIVE TO A
POSITIVE CONCLUSION. END SUMMARY.

1. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AD HOC GROUP OF THE PROVISION OF ELECTRONIC WARFARE TRAINING SERVICES OPENED THE MEETING ON 8 SEPT WITH REQUEST FOR COMMENT WHICH ELICITED AN UNANTICIPATED STATEMENT BY THE FRENCH REP (BORNEY) TO THE EFFECT THAT THERE WAS SERIOUS DOUBT HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD APPROVE THE 3.3 MILLION FRENCH FRANCS IMPLICIT IN THE MILITARY BUDGET COST SHARING FORMULA, SINCE THE AGREED FIGURE FOR FRANCE FOR 1978 WAS ONE-THIRD THE NATO FORECAST, I.E., 1.1 MILLION FRENCH FRANCS. THIS DE FACTO CEILING ON NATO INTEGRATED AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM (NATINADS) TRAINING RESULTED IN LENGTHY DISCUSSION. THE CHAIRMAN FINALLY URGED THE FRENCH REP TO SEEK AN IMMEDIATE SOLUTION WITH HIS AUTHORITIES.

2. THE FRENCH POSITION HAD EFFECT OF FURTHER LIMITING A LEVEL OF TRAINING WHICH SHAPE HAD STATED TO BE AT A MINIMUM. THE FRENCH REP AGREED TO SEEK EARLY SOLUTION AND REPORT BACK PROMPTLY. HE DOUBTED HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD AGREE TO THE SHIFTING OF FUNDS BETWEEN BUDGETS. NETHERLANDS REP (HAGEMAN) INTERJECTED VIEW THAT SINCE FRENCH HAD AGREED TO TRAINING IN PRINCIPLE, THE MONEY SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE.

3. A DISCUSSION SUGGESTION THAT THE PROBLEM PRESENTED BY THE FRENCH BE SENT TO THE COUNCIL WAS DISMISSED AS COMING FULL CIRCLE TO WHERE THE PROBLEM WAS TWO YEARS CONFIDENTIAL

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4. CHAIRMAN MADE EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF FRENCH POSITION WAS MOTIVATED BY OTHER THAN FINANCIAL CONSTRAINT. FRENCH REP STATED HE DOUBTED THAT OTHER THAN FINANCIAL LIMITATION WAS AT ISSUE.

5. A NUMBER OF UNSATISFACTORY SUGGESTIONS FOR RESOLVING FRENCH ISSUE WERE OFFERED AND REJECTED, AMONG WHICH WAS THE IDEA OF PERMITTING FRENCH TO CONTINUE THEIR "A LA CARTE" APPROACH UNTIL THEIR FUNDS RAN OUT. THIS WAS REJECTED SINCE IT WOULD MAKE A FICTION OF THE COST SHARING FORMULA WHILE SHIFTING A DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE OF COSTS TO THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS TO THE EXTENT THE FRENCH FELL SHORT OF THEIR OBLIGATION.

6. IN RESPONSE TO CHAIRMAN'S REQUEST FOR ANY OTHER COMMENT, THE UK REPRESENTATIVE (PETERS) STATED HIS AUTHORITIES BELIEVED THE ESTIMATED FLYING HOURS (REFTEL) FOR THE UKADR WOULD MORE PROPERLY REFLECT UK CONTRIBUTION IF IT WERE SET AT 300 HOURS VICE 204. SHAPE REP (COL GARRISH) POINTED OUT THAT FLYING HOURS WERE AT A MINIMUM -

IN FACT, INADEQUATE - AND THAT ALL WERE LOW, PROPORTION-
ATELY. HE MADE THE POINT THAT THE RE-COSTING ASSOCIATED
WITH CHANGING FLYING HOUR ESTIMATES WOULD POSE REAL
DIFFICULTIES AT THIS JUNCTURE. HE ARGUED FOR HOLDING
TO CURRENT ESTIMATES FOR TWO YEARS AND THEN TO RECALCULATE
FLYING HOURS. UK REP ARGUED FOR RECOGNITION OF MINIMUM
NATURE OF FLYING HOUR ESTIMATE. AD HOC GROUP AGREED TO
ADD FOLLOWING SENTENCE AT END OF PARA 3 OF DRAFT MEMO-
RANDUM TO COUNCIL (REFTEL): "HOWEVER, THESE INITIAL COST
ESTIMATES WILL BE URGENTLY REVIEWED BY SHAPE TO ESTABLISH

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THE MINIMUM PROGRAM WHICH WILL BE SUBJECT TO COMMON
FUNDING ON A CONTINUING BASIS." UK REP BELIEVED THIS
WOULD SATISFY HIS AUTHORITIES.

7. THE FRG (LT COL SCHONFELDER) AND CANADIAN (MCNAB)
REPS OBJECTED TO THE FOOTNOTE TO ANNEX TO AC/296-N(77)9
(REFTEL) WHICH UK REP INSISTED MUST REMAIN. THEY ARGUED
FOR ITS DELETION ON GROUNDS THAT REIMBURSEMENT WAS
IMPLICIT AND THAT FOOTNOTE WAS UNCLEAR AS TO PURPOSE
AND MISLEADING. CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED TO CANADIAN AND FRG
REPS THAT ACTION AT PARA 6, ABOVE, SHOULD SATISFY THEIR

AUTHORITIES WHILE PROVIDING A BASIS FOR UK REP TO URGE
RECONSIDERATION BY HIS AUTHORITIES OF THEIR INSISTENCE
ON KEEPING FOOTNOTE. COMMENT: UK REP INFORMED US REP
(DENNEHY) IN CORRIDOR DISCUSSION THAT FOOTNOTE WAS
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RESULT OF HIGHEST LEVEL DISCUSSION IN UK AND PLAYED AN
ESSENTIAL PART IN SHIFTING UK FROM "SERVICES-IN-LIEU-
OF-CASH" APPROACH. HE DOUBTED WHETHER UK WOULD ALLOW
FOOTNOTE TO BE REMOVED. END COMMENT.

8. THE GERMAN REP REQUESTED THAT THE MEMORANDUM TO THE
COUNCIL BE AMENDED AT THE THIRD LINE FROM BOTTOM OF PARA
2 (REFTEL) BY INSERTING, BETWEEN THE WORDS "NATINADS"
AND "SHOULD", THE PHRASE, "IN CONCEPT OF LIVE EXERCISES".
AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION AND AN EXPLANATION BY SHAPE OF
THE DIFFICULTIES INHERENT IN THE GERMAN REQUEST, THE
FOLLOWING WORDING WAS AGREED UPON AS A COMPROMISE:
"ARRANGED, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH LIVE
EXERCISES".

9. AS OF WRITING, THE FRENCH REP HAD NOT COMMUNICATED
ANY CHANGE IN HIS AUTHORITIES' 1.1 MILLION FRENCH FRANC
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